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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I write in opposition to your plans to construct dams in the Shasta area, Millerton Lake and other areas.

Water is a precious resource that we must preserve for many reasons, but the construction of multiple dams is not the best solution, nor is it the cheapest solution.

The expected population explosion of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will not allow us to use water in the desert for golf courses or for crops that are native to tropical areas. I expected to see rice paddies in Bangladesh when I worked there in a research hospital, but I was astounded to see rice paddies in the Central Valley of California. Furthermore, water used by the landholders who grow such crops in California are effectively subsidized by the taxpayers of California.

I am a freshwater fisherman, but note with despair the passing of sportsfishing. The buffalo are now gone, and we cannot bring them back; but we can still do something to spare both our fish and our taxpayers if we do not build the dams.

Sincerely yours,



Peter V. Barrett, MD